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For: A SILICON SINGLE CRYSTAL, A SILICON WAFER, AN APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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